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Applicant:	Heinz	Art Unit: 3765
Application No.:	10/072022	Examiner: Izaguirre, I.
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Title:	Trough Mangle	

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

13 February 2004

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Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

The Office Action dated 13 August 2003 from Examiner Ismael Izaguirre of Unit 3765 has been received. The following is submitted in response.

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STATUS

Claims 1-39 are pending in the application.

The Abstract and Specification have been objected to.

The Drawing has been objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a).

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 12, 16-21, 24-30, 34, 35, and 38 have been rejected for various reasons discussed in more detail below.

Claims 5, 10, 11, 13-15, 22, 23, 31-33, 36, 37 and 39 have been objected to but are allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections and to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

EXTENSION OF TIME

A separate petition for an extension of time of three (3) months until 13 February 2004 to respond to the outstanding Office Action, along with the appropriate fee for a large entity of \$950.00, is enclosed.

EXCESS CLAIMS FEE

This response has resulted in the addition of 8 new independent claims and 0 new total claims, and the excess claims fee of \$688.00 is enclosed.

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